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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:

GHANSHYAM P. MASSAND, M.D.

C95-112

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

This matter was brought to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline pursuant to a request by the Respondent to amend the restrictions placed on the Respondent's clinical privileges as a result of an Order entered on March 25, 1998 by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. That Order was based solely on restrictions mandated by the Board of Registration in Medicine in Massachusetts. Subsequently, on May 21, 1998 the Board of Registration in Medicine modified the restrictions placed on the Respondent's clinical privileges. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline approves and incorporates these modifications. Should the Respondent obtain hospital privileges in Rhode Island, these modifications will apply with reporting requirements to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.

Upon obtaining active surgical privileges at any hospital, the Respondent may perform spinal surgery conditioned upon his ongoing compliance with the reporting requirements set forth herein. The Board will review and

evaluate such reports, and the prohibition upon performing spinal surgery may be re-instituted if the Respondent fails to comply with requisite reporting or if deemed necessary by the Board upon its review of any required report.

The Respondent must obtain second orthopedic opinions prior to performing any elective, in-patient spinal surgery.

In addition, he must arrange for the Chief of Surgical Services at any and all hospitals at which he has surgical privileges to submit monthly reports to the Board of a period of at least six months beginning immediately upon obtaining privileges. Such monthly reports must include a complete listing of all surgical cases with case outcomes, complication rates, and copies of all requisite second orthopedic opinions obtained by the Respondent prior to performing the surgeries. The Respondent shall notify the Board immediately upon obtaining active surgical privileges and upon arranging for the required reports. He may commence any surgery when the reporting arrangements have been approved by the Board.

At the end of the six-month reporting period, the Respondent may petition to lift or modify the requirements for second opinions and monthly reports, but such requirements shall remain in effect until such time as the Board, in its discretion, explicitly lifts or modifies the requirements.

The Final Decision and Order is modified only to the extent expressly set forth herein, and otherwise remains in full force and effect.

The Respondent is hereby ordered to provide, within ten (10) days of the date of this Order or when he establishes employment, privileges, appointment or affiliation, whichever is later, any medical employer, health care facility, and state agency with which he has any appointment, privileges, or provider contract, with a copy of this Order, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand deliverance, and is further ordered to certify to the Board within the same period that he has complied with this directive.

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Date: June 12, 1998